

Third Ward To Main Street Connectivity Project

Elgin Public Meeting No. 2 Notes

On Thursday, 26 September 2002, the Third Ward Redevelopment Council and the City of Houston held the second of three public meeting at the Third Ward Multi-Service Center. Thirty residents and/or business owners participated in small group discussions, led by M2L Associates, to consider the design of street improvements, landscaping and other amenities to the Elgin Street Corridor from Scott Street to Main Street.

♦ **AGENDA ITEMS.**

- I. Consultants presented background of the project and scope of work.
- II. The consultants reviewed comments and findings from first public meeting held on August 29, 2002.
- III. The consultants presented a PowerPoint presentation of their preliminary landscape analysis for the corridor as well as discussing the potential scope of the streetscape work, and potential streetscape design images and elements.
- IV. Participants were divided into three facilitated, breakout sessions.
- V. Participants presented findings and the consultant team presented concluding remarks.

The following information represents the summary of the three group sessions:

**(Note: number in parentheses indicates the number of times this item was generated)*

♦ **THEME** *(Possible theme(s) or ideas for the corridor that could incorporated into the streetscape)*

- Consistent use of Crepe Myrtles along corridor (2)

♦ **STREET LIGHT/BANNER** *(Lighting types, character, banners, quality of lights, etc.)*

- Take down utility poles
- Traditional light poles/fixture (3)
- Consistent lighting (2)
- Priority lighting improvements at residences
- Modern style with more coverage in commercial areas; more pedestrian scale in residential areas
- Transition lighting lighting styles between Highway 59 and Ennis
- Intersection traffic control at Live Oak and Nagle

♦ **SIGNAGE/MONUMENT** *(Possible directional/neighborhood signage, monuments, materials, etc.)*

- Upgrade Highway 59 bridge
- Historical signs (2)

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- Restore fountain at Baldwin Park
- Monument/signage at Dowling (2)
- Directional signage to other key locations (2)
- Mark special places, Ryan Middle School, Riverside Hospital, Shape, Eldorado, etc.
- Artwork should be the gateways and they should be unique to the community
- Intersection traffic control at Live Oak and Nagle

♦ **PUBLIC ART** (*Types of artworks*)

- Art work as gateways
- Sculptures viewed from various areas and from streets
- Utilize local artists
- Tile work or mosaic artwork incorporated into signage

♦ **SPECIAL PAVING** (*Areas where special paving should occur and what type of paving should be considered*)

- Special intersection paving at Dowling and Ennis (similar to Alameda Road)
- Special paving at intersections and key places (2)
- Special paving at intersections of Fannin, San Jacinto
- Paving in special pedestrian areas along the wide esplanades
- Good concrete sidewalk and highlights at special areas (3)
- Special paving at Ryan Middle School to help with dropoff and pickup zones
- Priority – update all sidewalks to standard before applying special paving
- Barrier free and access ramps as a part of gateway

♦ **LANDSCAPING** (*Plant material types and look*)

- Add colorful trees, Crepe Myrtles, in medians (2)
- Trees in esplanade
- Street lawns
- Improved landscaping along boulevard/esplanade east of Ennis

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- Improve Emancipation Park edge landscaping
 - Trees at hike/bike trail
 - Low maintenance trees that don't litter and uplift sidewalks (2)
 - Street trees that provide shade were needed (2)
- ◆ **STREET FURNISHING** *(where street furnishings should be located and what types should be used)*
- Special paving/fountain in median occasionally
 - More benches (2)
 - Walkways and places to sit along esplanade from Ennis to Scott Street (2)
 - Improved fencing between Burkett and Adair on South side
- ◆ **BUS SHELTER** *(Potential improvements to current bus shelters)*
- More aesthetically pleasing bus shelters
- ◆ **PRIORITIES** *(The following represents participant comments relating to priorities)*
- Update sidewalks and ramps and make them wider before applying special paving
 - Lighting upgrades in residential areas for improved safety
 - Clean up commercial area between Hutchins and Ennis